

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Bethel

Bethel is an incorporated second class city located at the mouth of the Kuskokwim River, about 40 miles inland from the Bering Sea. It serves as the regional center for the villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. Bethel is part of the Bethel Census Area.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 5,665, a gain of about 194 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 71 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Educational and Health Services was the main industry in 2008, employing 29 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Cashiers than any other occupation.

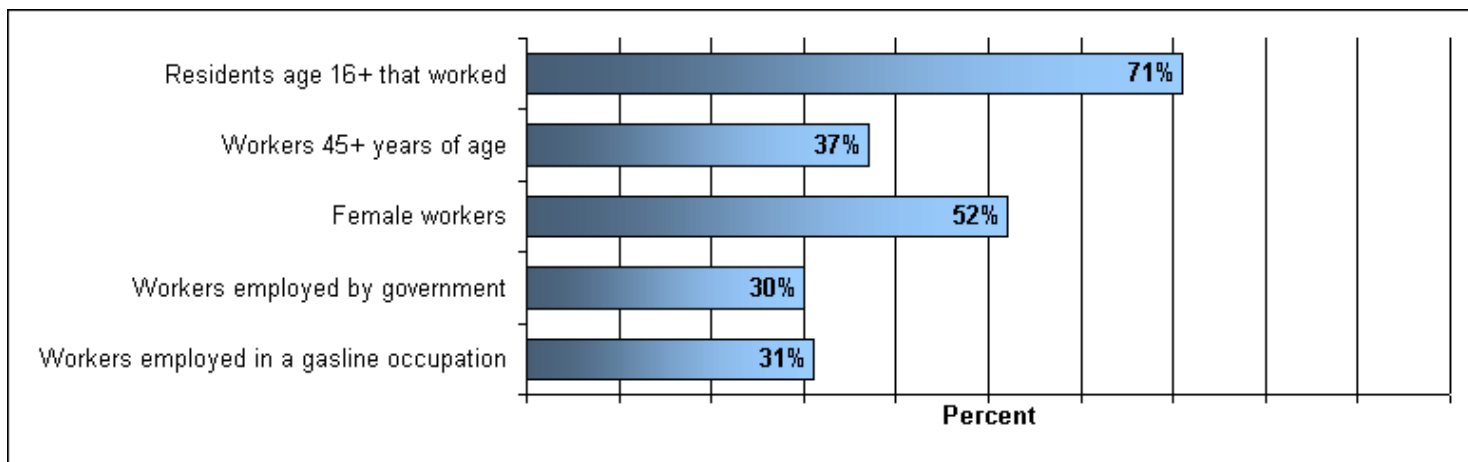
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Bethel Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	3,652	Total wages	\$103,090,216
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	2,606	Private	1,824
Male	1,249	State government	293
Female	1,355	Local government	489
Age 45+	957	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	655	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	2,304
		Percent working all 4 quarters	68.6%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	319	Some construction	299
		At least 1 year construction	111
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	38
New hires	820	Worked in an AGIA occupation	1,781

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2008 Residents

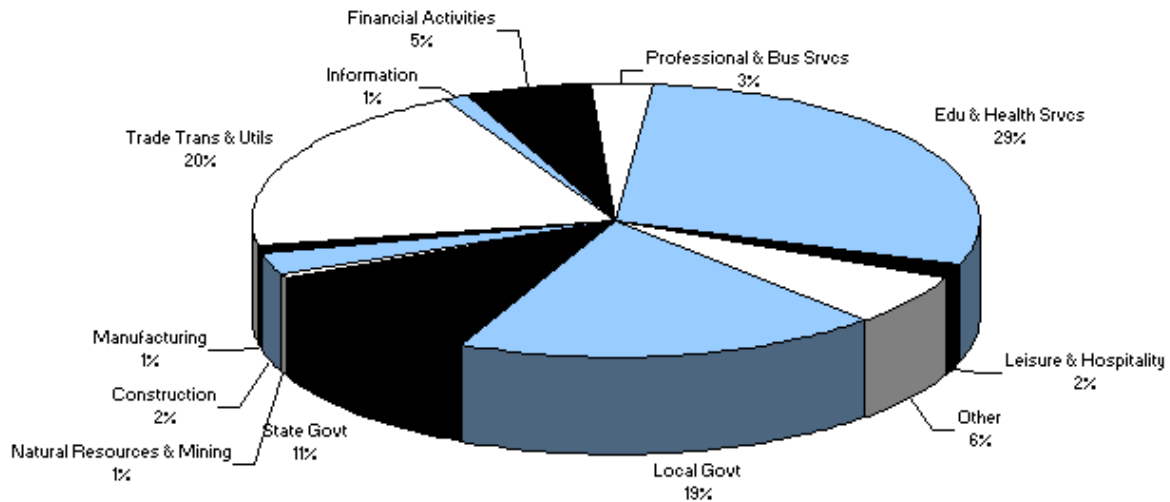


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Cashiers	119	56.8%	13	10
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	92	73.9%	29	20
Office Clerks, General AGIA	57	87.7%	20	10
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers AGIA	56	48.2%	27	14
Teacher Assistants	54	90.7%	29	24
Education, Training, and Library Workers, All Other	54	88.9%	12	5
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	50	90.0%	8	6
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	50	42.0%	29	22
Psychiatric Technicians	50	64.0%	28	23
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	48	6.2%	33	21
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	47	80.9%	29	21
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	45	73.3%	16	14
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	43	23.3%	7	6
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB	42	83.3%	9	6
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	41	95.1%	14	5
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers AGIA	37	8.1%	5	4
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	37	32.4%	14	8
Customer Service Representatives	35	74.3%	2	1
Billing and Posting Clerks and Machine Operators	34	70.6%	6	1
Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	30	80.0%	14	10
Food Preparation Workers AGIA	30	50.0%	10	7

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	17	17.6%	5	1
Construction	59	18.6%	13	8
Manufacturing	22	31.8%	1	0
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	527	33.5%	120	75
Information	36	25.0%	15	11
Financial Activities	138	44.9%	47	28
Professional and Business Services	72	40.3%	20	9
Educational and Health Services	749	66.9%	272	183
Leisure and Hospitality	45	42.2%	12	6
State Government	293	54.5%	154	112
Local Government	489	55.2%	239	187
Other	157	68.8%	58	34
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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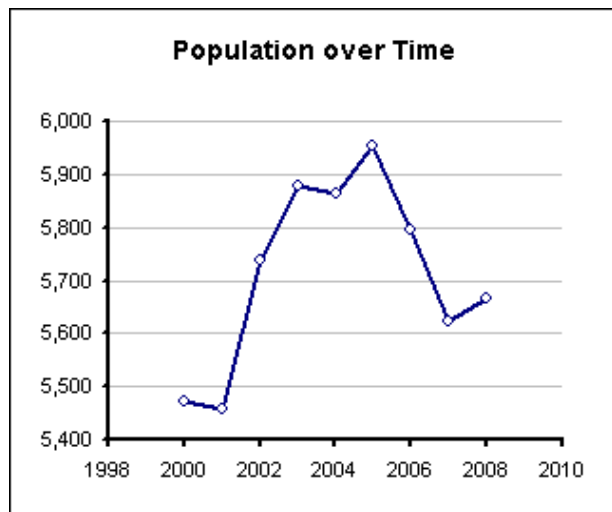
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	217	223	210	229

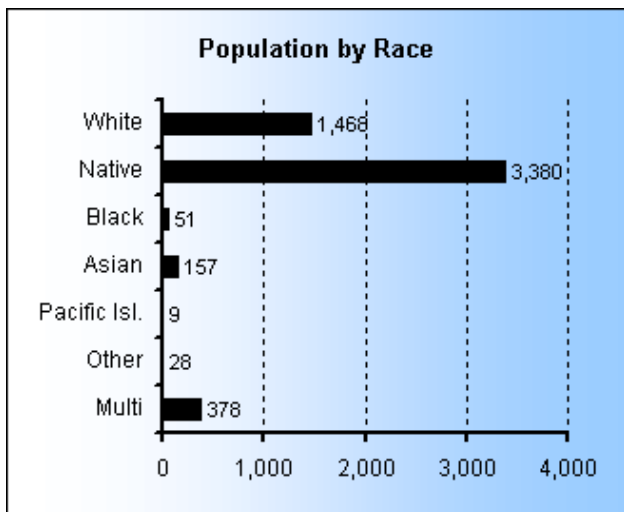
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp 90
Lower Kuskokwim School District
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Assoc of Village Council Pres
AK Commercial Co
Omni Enterprises Inc
City of Bethel
Avcp Housing Authority
University of AK
Orutsararmuit Native Council



2000 Census	
Median Age	29.1
Average Family Size	3.6
Average Household Size	3.0
Per Capita Income	\$20,267
Median Family Income	\$62,431
Median Household Income	\$57,321



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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